



RENTON MUNICIPAL ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

July 07, 2015

Renton City Hall, 7th Floor –Conference Center

Members Present:

Paul Hebron, Marsha Rollinger, Jerri Everett, Adrienne LaFaye, Kim Eshelman, Neil Sheesley, Bill Huls, Ben Andrews and Evelyn Reingold **Excused Absence:** Mitch Shepherd and Jaris English

Staff Present: Elizabeth Higgins, RMAC Staff Liaison

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by RMAC Co-Chair, Paul Hebron at 6:00 pm.

Introduction of Guests: Chris Koruga, Altitude Apartments came at the old meeting time (4:30 pm). Ben Andrews presented Chris's inquiries: (1) Request to paint the south concrete wall blue and add a whimsical design. (2) Proposed art layout for the south entrance with 40 foot cinder blocks. Need basic guidelines for how high it can be built. Note: 48" is the height limit; Civil Engineer needs to draw plans for any higher. (3) Does lighting under the north structure need Planning Dept ok to meet code? Regarding artwork, RMAC sub-committee will look at artist design concepts. "Altitude Apartments can proceed with concrete wall design, pending RMAC final art approval." MSC - (Ben/Marsha) Elizabeth will check with planning on the height and lighting guidelines and notify Chris.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the May 5, 2015 RMAC meeting were read and accepted as submitted. MSC (Bill/ Adrienne)

New Business:

- **RMAC Budget Initiative** – Elizabeth is to schedule a meeting of the RMAC Executive Committee to discuss priorities.
- **RMAC Art Awareness Initiative** – Carco Theater has Ch 77 that will reach 6 counties and the City of Renton has Ch 21 and both can provide RMAC access as long as no businesses are endorsed. Brian Beckly from the Renton Reporter is to be contacted regarding an on-going arts calendar. The need for a website presence was also discussed. Jerri, Kim, Paul, Neil and Bill to start an Art Awareness committee. There is \$2,000 available from the Grants Committee for Art Awareness projects.

Committee Reports:

- **4Culture Grant** – A total of \$9,000 was awarded to seven (7) applicants. "The recommendations of the RMAC Grant Awards Committee are accepted as presented." MSC (Evelyn/Neil)

Old Business:

- **Amelia Ossorio Project** - Carco Theater is interested in discussing ideas with RMAC. Meeting scheduled for July 13, 2015 with Cassie Welliver. Paul, Jaris, Bill and Elizabeth to attend.
- **Downtown Public Library Art Relocation** –The “Stilt Walker” sculpture will remain in Liberty Park, the old spot and “Homework Comes First” sculpture will be slightly moved. Space will be left open for new art.
- **Emerging** - Art relocation is in place at Garden and Park Ave. New plaque is needed. Also, about 12 other plaques need to be replaced. Elizabeth and Evelyn to check plaque status in RMAC art inventory.
- **RMAC 50th Anniversary Celebration** - August 2015 marks 50 years that the RMAC has been a City of Renton Commission. Opportunity to unveil our new logo and dedicate “Going Global”. Elizabeth will get the names of former RMAC members and invite them to the celebration.
- **Renton River Days (7/24-26/15)** - RMAC will participate with Arts Unlimited in their booth in the Art Market this year. Kim, Jerri, Adrienne and Elizabeth will be in the booth to represent the RMAC.
- **RMAC Badges** – New commissioner badges are on order. Elizabeth needs to know ASAP if lost badges need replacement.

Correspondence and announcements: The correspondence and event folders were circulated for individual review

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- July 10 and August 7, Fri, 6-9pm: “An eruption of Art in Renton”, art events at many Renton Downtown locations (between Main & Whitworth on 2nd St and 3rd St) Arts Unlimited info contact (www.artsunlimited.org)
- July 19: Renton Annual Art Show Registration (www.rentonannualartshow.com)
- July 24-26: Renton River Days (art show, chalk contest, music, and more)
- July 26: 5:30- 8:30 pm: “Tacky Tourist Sketch Night” Delancy’s on 3rd St, info contact (www.artsunlimited.org)
- July 31- August 9: 30th Annual Summer Teen Musical, “The Adams Family: A New Musical”, at Renton Civic Theater (507 S 3rd St, 425-226-5529 for times and ticket information)
- Aug 4: 6:00 pm: Next RMAC meeting [Note: this meeting was later rescheduled to Aug 3rd]
- Until August 29th: “Furry Friends: From Fads to Family, a look at people and their canine companions captured on camera through the years at the Renton History Museum (call 425-255-2330 for times)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Evelyn Reingold,
RMAC Secretary

Paul Hebron,
RMAC Co-Chair